MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The Foundation of the main Tehri Dam over the entire length of 1.1 km. has been laid and the main dam raised to 15 metres above river bed level. A Coffer dam, has also been raised to the elevation of 622 metres and the protection layer over it has been given against any possible damage in the current monsoon. All the four diversion tunnels have also been completed and the river diverted to right bank channel. Adequate measures have been taken by the Project authorities for the protection of project works.

(b) and (c) The Government have already examined at length all aspect of Tehri Dam and approval for the execution of the project was accorded after careful consideration. However, the Government is ready to examine any new and substantive issues that may be raised.

(d) An amount of over Rs. 927 crores has been spent so far on the project.

(e) As a part of rehabilitation process under Stage-I, related to construction of Coffer Dam, 2034 rural families, representing 93.5% of the total number affected in Stage-I has been rehabilitated. Rehabilitation process for the remaining rural families to be covered in the Stage-II programme has also been initiated and 445 families have been rehabilitated. The process of rehabilitation of urban families is at an advanced stage and it is expected that the entire urban families numbering 4551 would get rehabilitated/shifted well before the completion of the Coffer Dam in June, 1996.

Increase in setting up of steel plants

739. SHRI PARMESWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after liberalisation and decontrol of steel pricing and distribution mechanism, a large number of entrepreneurs have shows interests for the setting up of steel plants in the country;

(b) the estimated demands for steel in 1995-96, and by the end of the Eighth Five Year Plan period; and

(c) the production capacities and actual production of the existing steel plants and the steel plants under implementation since 1992-93 and separately for Blast Furnace route, electric are furnace route or any other route, location-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Estimated demand for finished steel in 1995-96 and in 1996-97 terminal year of Eighth Five Year Plan, are 21.40 million tonnes and 24.14 million tonnes respectively. Estimated demand includes projected export demand.

(c) Plant-wise and route-wise capacity and production of saleable steel during the last 3 years was as under:

Plant	1992-93		1993-94		1994-95	
	Cap.	Prod.	Cap.	Prod.	Cap.	Prod.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
A. BLAST FURNACE ROUTE						
Bhilai Steel Plant	3153	3118	3153	3333	3153	3407
Durgapur Steel Plant	938	641	938	642	1000	927
Rourkela Steel Plant	1170	1179	1170	1130	1170	1196
Bokaro Steel Plant	3156	2998	3156	3205	3156	3169
IISCO	406	398	406	333	406	332
RINL	2656*	818	2656	1184	2656	1555
Alloy Steel Plant	184	163	184	160	184	154
VISL	96*	73	96*	63	97*	58
TISCO	2100*	2124	2400	2154	2700	2446

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
B. Electric ARC Furnace Units	7612	2180	7650	2500	7821	2800
C. Induction Furnance units	(a)	1200$	(a)	1200$	(a)	1500$

* Annual Plan.
$ Production of IF units have been estimated.
(a) Capacity of induction producting steel has recently been estimated by the DCI&S to be 6.88 million tonnes.

Plan to harness Brahmaputra river to prevent floods and for irrigation purposes

740. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a long-term plan for harnessing the waters of the Brahmaputra river is on the anvil, for preventing the recurrent floods in Assam, as well for the purposes of irrigation;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and the total financial outlay involved; and

(c) whether any proposals have been mooted to seek international assistance for the implementation of a project of this nature?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) The Brahmaputra Board under the Ministry of Water Resources has prepared a Master Plan for flood management and integrated development of Water Resources in the main Brahmaputra. The estimated cost of Scheme embodied in the Master Plan is about Rs. 54,750 crores.

(c) No, Sir.

Setting up of Milk Plants in Punjab

741. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to set up milk plants in the State of Punjab;

(b) if so, what are the locations thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps are being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) to (d) In Punjab milk plants have been set up in Jalandhar, Ludhiana, Patiala, Mohali, Amritsar, Gurdaspur, Sangrur, Hoshiarpur and Bhatinda. No new milk plant is proposed to set up under Operation Flood-III. However, a new cheese manufacturing plant is under implementation at Patiala.

Anomalies in Allocation of NRY Funds

742. CHAUDHARY HARMOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are several anomalies in the allocation of funds under the Nehru Rozgar Yojana, their diversion for other purposes and non-disbursement of funds in time;

(b) what is the total amount, provided State-wise under the said Scheme during the last three years, togetherwith the amount diverted for other purposes; and